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**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: U.S. Continuation Appln.  
Our Ref: 080437.52447US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Continuation of International Application PCT/EP01/15203, filed December 21, 2001.

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Title: FLAT SECTION OF THE OUTER SKIN OF THE BODYWORK OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Enclosed are:

1. Application Data Sheet (8 pages).
2. 53 pages of specification, including 59 claims and Abstract of the Disclosure.
3. 16 sheets of Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-40.
4. Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Priority is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55 based on Priority Document 100 64 931.9, filed in Germany on December 23, 2000. A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

5. First page of International Publication WO 02/051688 A3.
6. Complete copy of International Publication WO 02/051688 A2, including cover page, 44 pages of German text, and 16 sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-40).
7. Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 with copy of International Search Report and 12 documents cited therein.

8. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Independent Claims                 | <u>2</u>  | - | 3         | = <u>0</u> x \$42/84 = \$       |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Presented |           |   | \$140/280 | = \$                            |
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~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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